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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) Method for validating the broadcasting conditions of digital content, by means of a diffuser (D) having a first data unit (T3) describing the structural configuration, a second data unit (T2) describing the operational conditions of the diffuser (D) and a third data unit (T1) describing the conditions defined by the supplier (F), this method including the following steps:

- reception of the conditions (Ti) defined by the supplier for at least one digital content and storage of these conditions in a database of the diffuser (D),
- during the planning preparation of the digital content, introduction of the foreseen diffusion parameters of said digital content, said parameters comprising characteristics of the different material modules provided for diffusion,
- request to the database to extract the first, second and third data units,
- validation of the foreseen diffusion by verifying the second and third conditions with the foreseen diffusion parameters and the first data unit, and emitting a corresponding report-(RP).
- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, eharacterized in that wherein it
 includes a surveillance step of the effective diffusion and of the storage of the effective
 diffusion parameters.
- 3. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 2, eharacterized in that wherein it includes a verification step of the diffusion of a digital content on the basis of the effective diffusion parameters.
- 4. (Currently Amended) Method according to one of the previous claims, claim 1, characterized in that wherein the third conditions are seized and safeguarded by the supplier (F) on a secured medium (S1), this medium being then transmitted to the diffuser (D) to be

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electronically transferred into its database (DB).

5. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 4, eharacterized in that-wherein the report (RP) is safeguarded electronically and transmitted to the supplier-(F).

6. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 5, characterized in that wherein the diffuser (D) has an electronic signature and in that wherein the electronic report is signed by this signature.